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REMARKS

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Reconsideration of the objection to claim 3 because of lacking proper antecedent basis and the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 102(b) of the present application is hereby requested.

The specification has already been amended on the previous amendment, and the claims have now been amended and are believed to overcome both the objections and the rejections thereof.

Claim 3 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for all of its terms as required by Examiner.

Claims 22 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has already been held allowable if re-written in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Such has been done.

Hence, the application is now believed to be entirely allowable. Such action is now solicited and passage to allowance is requested. Should the Examiner believe any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned for a discussion of same.

Respectfully submitted,



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